

This Week's Thought

Hidden courage is admirable, the courage which keeps one's post through a long, tough day is the kind that pays off.

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CASCADE LOCKS

BONNEVILLE

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Travelers' Fees Lowered To \$10

Hereafter operators of laundry trucks and wholesale products wagons in Cascade Locks will pay a flat fee of \$10 per year to the city, instead of a fee varying from \$5 to \$10 a quarter, as formerly. The city council passed the ordinance repealing the old section and establishing the new fee at a special meeting Wednesday night. No meeting was held Monday because it was the fifth Monday of June.

Henry Kuckenberg, of the firm of Kuckenberg-Wittman, water system contractors, announced the system would be complete August 10. Rumors had formerly placed the completion date on the first of September or later. Kuckenberg said his men would start laying reinforcing steel in the 226,000-gallon reservoir this Friday, and would start pouring concrete Wednesday. The reservoir will be entirely of reinforced concrete construction with galvanized iron roof.

The contractors' estimate for work and materials during the month of June was \$15,497.87, for which warrants were drawn and signed against the water system construction fund.

U.S.E.D. CHIEF PAYS CALL ON BONNEVILLE

Major-general E. M. Markham, chief of engineers of the United States Army, inspected Bonneville dam Tuesday in the company of Colonel Thomas M. Robins, division engineer, and Colonel C. F. Williams, district engineer. Captain Clay, General Markham's aide, accompanied the party.

Naturally interested in progress at Bonneville, General Markham expressed satisfaction with the work here.

RIVER DROPS MONTH AHEAD OF LAST YEAR

In spite of many imprecations which have been hurled at it, the Columbia river has actually fallen to "working level" nearly a month sooner this year than last.

The river stood at a flow of 288,000 cubic feet per second Wednesday morning, with a flow of 283,000 second-feet predicted for Thursday.

Records show that in 1935 the flow touched its maximum, about 500,000 second-feet, June 10, and thereafter fell slowly, dropping below 400,000 second-feet about June 30, not reaching the 300,000 second-feet mark until near the end of July.

WALKER SPONSORS DANCE AT SUNRISE

First of its kind ever promoted in this vicinity, a morning German or sunrise dance will be put on here the morning of the Fourth of July, from 4 until 7:30 A.M., with Johnny Walker's boys hitting off the rhythms.

A free breakfast will be served to the patrons at 6 A.M. Walker says the morning dances are very popular in the south, where they are held three or four times yearly. They draw crowds from distances up to 100 or 150 miles.

Early morning is the best time of day for a dance, Walker tells us with a straight face. Folks are in their best spirit then, and really have a lot of fun when the orchestra gets steamed up.

ANTI-FIRE DRIVE FOR 1936 STARTS

Calling attention to the illegality of using fireworks on national forest lands, railroad or state highway rights-of-way, the United States forest service this week opened its annual "fireless fire-season" campaign of education and admonition.

Federal law also requires campers entering a national forest after July 1 to obtain a campfire permit before building a fire except in a safe stove or in a camp where no permits are required, as shown by posted notices.

All persons entering a national forest by automobile or pack-horse, intending to make camp within the forest, must be equipped with an ax at least 26 inches long, with a head weighing two pounds or more; a shovel at least 36 inches long with head at least eight inches wide, and a bucket holding one gallon or more.

The law also requires anyone on national forest land to stop while smoking, prohibits building campfires in grass, leaves, rotten wood or during windy weather without clearing about the pit and confining the fire to a hole; prohibits leaving any fire untended or failure to extinguish it totally before leaving; and forbids throwing or placing a lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe heel, match, fire-cracker or other burning substance in any place where it may start a fire.

Geist at Cascade

Dick Geist of Pendleton took over the Cascade Grocery store was moved by C. C. Chapin into his food store in the same block two weeks ago.

Geist, who recovered recently from a two years' illness, has had experience previously in the grocery business in eastern Oregon.

Veteran Rivermen Celebrate at the Fish Hatchery

With nearly 10,000 visitors checked in at the Bonneville reservation Sunday afternoon—8883 by official police count, and probably somewhat higher in actuality—western Oregon turned out to honor veteran steamboatmen who met on the fish hatchery grounds for their annual get-together and memorial service.

Until 4 P.M. 5662 picnickers, sight-seers and old-timers had been checked by the guards, and from that time on 3221 more put in an appearance. These figures include an estimate of those who arrived by boat from Vancouver, Wash.

The gathering paid tribute to those who had died in the wreck of the steamer Iowa January 13 off Peacock point, and was also reminded of the feats of the Beaver, first steam-power ship to sail into the Pacific ocean, 100 years ago, and the Shubrick, first and only ocean-going vessel to reach the dam-site.

Speakers were Colonel Thomas M. Robins, United States engineer in charge of Bonneville dam construction, who told how construction of the dam will make it possible for nearly all vessels to duplicate the effort of the Shubrick; Judge Fred W. Wilson of The Dalles, master of ceremonies; Rev. P. M. Blenkinsop, who delivered the invocation; Captain J. E. Akins, Lewiston, Idaho; E. C. Merrill, district superintendent of lighthouses; Captain Jacob Nielsen, Alfred P. Dobson and Captain Riggs.

Members of the Cascade Yacht club arranged moorages for visiting yachtsmen and served on a committee to welcome outsiders to the grounds.

ROOSEVELT CREATES DAM CONTROL BODY

An executive order establishing a temporary commission to govern Bonneville will be issued without delay, President Roosevelt told Senator McNary at a White House conference this week, according to dispatches from Washington.

The new commission will be jointly composed of United States army engineers and the federal power commission, thus utilizing existing organization without bringing an independent superstructure into the picture. Personnel of the temporary commission is expected to be the same as that of the permanent agency to be established by Bonneville legislation at the next session of congress.

Columbia Company Takes On Thirty Men; Work Picks Up

WATER SYSTEM IS ONE-FOURTH DONE

Passing the 25 per cent complete mark in construction of the Cascade Locks water system, the Kuckenberg-Wittman company has finished laying pipe from the headworks to the reservoir and will have finished the laying from the reservoir to the highway this week.

Forms for concrete pouring at the reservoir have been begun, and forms for the headworks have been complete.

Ninety per cent of the materials which will eventually go into the waterworks are already installed or on hand, Councilman Max Millsap said Wednesday.

H. C. Poling, P.W.A. inspection engineer, was in Cascade Locks Wednesday to look over the pipe line between the headworks and the reservoir.

THREE CRIBS BACK AT SITE OF DAM

Late Monday afternoon the three renegade cribs which were swept from their anchorage by high water five weeks ago were back nearly to their original location. From a point about 10 miles downstream from the dam they were towed back through the combined efforts of the stern-wheeler, The Dalles, a tug, a hoist barge, a power barge and more than a mile of tow cable. All three cribs were brought back at once.

Lashed together, the cribs were made fast to the hoist barge. The Dalles shoved against the cribs and provided steerage, while the tug tugged on the barge. A half-mile upstream the power barge reeled in the tow cable, and farther yet upstream the anchor cable from the barge was made fast to shore.

The cribs will not be used in the east half of the north cofferdam to fit them. Soundings designed, but in the west half, provided they can be tailored to fit the bottom or the bottom fish hatchery grounds. have been made and the topography of the river bed is being studied to determine what changes in the cribs will have to be executed.

New Bonneville Pastor

Rev. Mr. H. Aschenbrenner, pastor at Warrenton, Or., for the past two years, was named at the annual Methodist conference in Corvallis a week ago Sunday to fill the pulpit at Bonneville recently vacated by Rev. Mr. Stanley Trefren.

With an augmented personnel in nearly all departments, the Columbia Construction company is girding itself for the last round in its epic struggle against the current of the Columbia river—building the eight remaining piers of the spillway dam.

About 30 men were added to the company's payroll last week, including mechanics, cat men, firemen, oilers, laborers, pile driver engineers, steel workers, carpenters, and workers in several other lines. The broad upswing of reemployment is expected to continue for several weeks, until top strength crews are at work on the west wing of the north bank cofferdam, and later on excavation and pouring for the dam piers themselves.

The cofferdam work will necessarily be delayed until the east wing has been sealed with rip rap at the point where three cribs were ripped out by high water more than a month ago.

It is probable more substantial increases in the Columbia crews will be made within a week, if nothing unforeseen occurs to hinder work.

City To Demand Prior Payment

Water users in Cascade Locks may wonder just what the score is when they are asked to pay two months' water rent during the month of July.

Previously private systems operated by Meyers, Stewart and Elliff have been run on a pay-as-you-use basis, with collections at the end of each month for water used during the month. The city is anxious to get on an advance-payment basis, so will make collections July 15 for the month of July, August 1 for the month of August.

The city recorder will be in the council chamber all day July 10 to receive payment for July.

A discount of 25 cents on each bill will be made to all customers who pay on or before the tenth of each month for that month. If any bill becomes delinquent for more than two months, water will be shut off and will not be turned on again until back rents are paid and also a one-dollar fee for turning the water on again.

The city now owns three water systems, having taken over all the private systems here.

MANY VISIT PARK

A tally by the rangers that 422 cars carrying approximately 1500 visitors entered Eagle Creek camp Sunday.